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Annual Golf Outing

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Fore!!!

*Golf Outing is big success, thanks to
teamwork, planning and pride.*

As the sun came up over the eastern horizon, and the grass still held the dew from a cool country evening, I made my way across the county to Salem. I thought about all the things that I *should* be doing on a beautiful August day, yard work, bathing the dog or washing the car. I was sadly mistaken. I was in the perfect place for someone who doesn't even play golf. Green grass, beautiful scenery and



wonderful weather. It was a great day to spend on a golf course and a lot of fun for a very good cause.

Nearly a full field of golfers hit the links on a beautiful day at Salem Hills Golf Course for the 15th annual Citizens for MRDD Golf Outing on August 7. Monies raised by this annual event benefit the levy campaigns for the MCBMRDD. The outing under the direction of Marty Picciano, George Winsen and the golf committee was described by many as one of the best in the area with golfers

enjoying a full day of activities on and off the links. Although the grand prize of a two year car lease for a hole in one was not won, many golfers enjoyed a good breakfast and lunch, a fine day of golf, door prizes, give-a-ways and a steak dinner to wrap-up the day-long fund-raiser. MCBMRDD staff and friends donated time, money and effort to volunteer for various duties including monitoring holes for contests, assisting with registration, cooking and insuring every golfer had a pleasant experience. The golf committee would like to thank the staff and friends of MRDD who volunteered their time to support the program, the sponsors for their generosity and the golfers for their participation to make this year's outing a wonderful success. Putting together an outing of this size requires the teamwork and cooperation of many people pulling together for a common goal. Thanks to all who participated on



and off the course. The 15th Annual Citizens for MRDD Golf Outing was a success because of a dedicated and talented group of volunteers, diligence and planning, a little luck and a day that was outstanding for any type of outdoor venture. Please mark your calendars for Monday August 6, 2007 and plan to volunteer to help out or golf at the 16th annual Citizens for MRDD Golf Outing. Throughout this edition, please find the hole sponsor signs from various program locations that were displayed on the course during the event.



Congratulations

MCBMRDD Employees:
Platinum Sponsor for the 2006
Citizens for MRDD Golf Outing

Just the Facts

By Superintendent Larry Duck



ROGER AIELLO TO LEAVE COUNTY BOARD

Roger Aiello, Assistant Superintendent & Director of Day Programs, will leave the Mahoning County Board of MRDD on August 31, 2006. Roger came to the County Board from the Fairhaven Program in Trumbull County as the Adult Services Director in August 2001. He replaced Jim Rock in that position.

Roger was promoted to the position of Assistant Supt & Director of Day Programs in May 2002 following a restructuring of the agency at that time. He was responsible for oversight of the Adult Services Programs, Early Childhood and School-age programs, and Transportation. During his tenure at MCBMRDD, Roger worked in the areas of program development in adult services, labor management committee and policy & procedure development.

Roger was instrumental in the redistricting of client catchment areas at the three workshops in 2002 resulting in creating additional services capacity for clients and families. He also contributed to positive changes in our OT-PT service delivery and transportation services for community employment clients. Roger played a key role in the design and renovations at 153 Javit Senior and Habilitation Center.

Roger and his wife Joyce recently returned from their 40th anniversary vacation to Hawaii. We wish Roger the best in all his future endeavors.

Thank You for Your Assistance

The Golf Outing this year was a success largely because of the people who gave their time and talent to a worthy cause. Below is a list of individuals who signed up to help. Thanks to everyone who came out to assist, donated money or prizes to help out with the levy efforts.

1. REGISTRATION- Maria Volpe, Kris Hodge, Sandee Timmerman, Carole Weimer, Janine Wlodarsky, Debbie Clouser, Kathy Kelecava
2. MORNING SET UP- Tony Rinaldi, Randy Heaver, Dan Picciano, Pat Sofranko, Brenda Holt, Mary Jo Orr, Connie D'Altorio, George Winsen
3. LUNCH- Larry Duck, Roger Aiello, Kris Hodge, Maria Volpe, Brenda Holt, Mary Jo Orr, Connie D'Altorio
4. PAR 3 GAME- Janine Wlodarsky, Jerry DePascale, Lisa Kachurek, Diana Davila, Karma Minkewicz, Beverley Beam, Heather Halloran, Candie Naughton, Lindsay & Ashley Orr, Kathy Phillips, Mary Kay Tusinac
5. AFTER OUTING PICK-UP- Warren Chapella, Randy Heaver, Brenda Holt, Mary Jo Orr, Pat Sofranko, Jim Groner, Debbie Clouser, John Beal, Kris Hodge
6. BAR- Anna Frabutt, Jim Groner, Maria Volpe
7. GIFTS/PRIZES- Sandee Timmerman, Cathy Duck
8. PICTURES- Paul Iden, Dan Picciano, Kathy Kelecava



Transportation Department



Gearing up for a worst case scenario

The transportation department is gearing up for another year on the road with a review of safety and accident prevention in-service on August 28. In conjunction with the Austintown Fire Department the fleet experienced the sights and sounds of a mock disaster on the road. As part of the training, Myers Equipment delivered an old bus to simulate a wreck. The fire department used extraction tools to remove practice victims. One of the Board buses was overcome with non-toxic smoke to simulate an on-board fire. Training also included review of accident

procedures and other yearly instruction. Being aware of the worst case scenario and practicing all the contingencies will make our staff better prepared for an actual emergency.

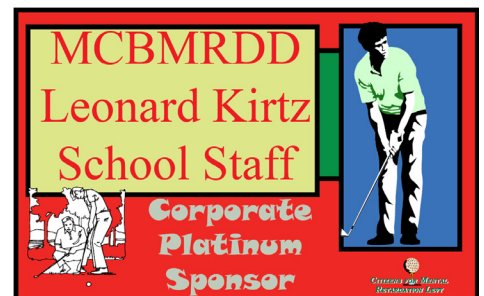
Leonard Kirtz School



MCCRC holds Summer Camp at LKS

A Talent Show, Christmas in July, Crazy Hat Day and a Nature Walk were all featured events at the annual Mahoning County Council for Retarded Citizens (MCCRC) summer camp program held at Leonard Kirtz School this year. The MCCRC, in collaboration with the Mahoning County Board of MRDD, operated Camp Rachel from June 21 through August 4, during the summer break for the students and staff at LKS. The site hosted 60 campers with 27 trained staff under the

direction of Jan Nelson and Leona Crogan, Executive Director of MCCRC. The program provided fun and innovative daily themes to day campers for the six week adventure. Participating in a variety of activities from backwards day to a hallway decorating contest, the day campers also enjoyed field trips to the Low-ellville Festival and bowling at Wedgewood Lanes. Staying active and involved over the summer, helps the days go by quickly and assists with maintaining a predictable schedule for individuals who thrive on consistency and routine. These campers enjoyed a full day of summer fun, laughter and friendship that will carry them through the long dull days of winter in Ohio.



Community Services



The Community Services Department has identified several candidates from the rolls of the program who may need a helping hand before the cold winter weather strikes Ohio. Ten MCBMRDD employees have volunteered to assist the United Way's Day of Caring campaign on September 13. This year, staff from several building locations will be rolling up their sleeves to assist these families with outdoor yard projects including minor repairs, tree trimming, yard clean-up and cutting grass. Looking for ways to assist others in need is another way the Community Services Department takes care of the community in need.

The Centre @ Javit Court



Keeping young at heart through helping others

Consumers from the Centre @ Javit Court stay young at heart by helping the young whether it is chickadees or budding plants. On a recent trip to The Centre, I found, tucked away in a cardboard box, four chicks that were being "mother henned" by consumers to full grown chickenhood. These birds will not end up in a fryer but will find good homes probably with the support of the Community Services Department for placement. The Centre also dispatched a care unit to assist the greenery at Fellows Riverside Gardens as part of lending a "helping hand".



Bev Road MASCO

"It was a beautiful day!" - Wilbur Patterson



We all must battle the mid-summer realization that the warm weather will soon end and we will be forced to cope with the first signs of the approach of Autumn. Enjoying sunshine, good food, good friends and the Bev Road MASCO version of "The American Idol" are all ways individuals from the Boardman workshop found to prolong this annual dilemma. On a recent field trip to Woodworth Park in North Lima, consumers and staff took full advantage of the fantastic summer weather by throwing a "good old fashion" picnic complete with picnic food, games and music.

To add to the atmosphere, the American Idol phenomenon was imitated as individuals performed to the applause of the crowd. Although no one was declared victorious, everyone who participated was a winner and enjoyed the respite from the work day.

Meshel MASCO

Mass Media Technology Coming to Meshel

The consumers at Meshel will have the opportunity to participate in the technology revolution with all the latest bells and whistles of a 42 inch plasma television, digital video and analog video donated by Anthony Lariccia. The state of the art video system will be mounted in the all purpose room and connected to the cable system for educational programming, entertainment and video playback. George Gabriel, workshop director at Meshel states that the system will be integrated into the public address system to allow audio amplification. Mr. Lariccia also donated an additional \$250 to assist with mounting the television to the wall and any additional wiring that may be needed to make the system operational and beneficial to the consumers at Meshel. THANK YOU Mr. Lariccia for your generosity and compassion.



Staff profile: Focus on Excellence

Nursing services provide treatment and TLC



You may not find tender loving care (TLC) listed in any nursing journal or medical text book but the nurses at MCBMRDD dispense this needed service everyday in abundance. The nine full and part time Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurses provide routine and critical care of consumers and staff at all program facilities where consumers are present. On any given day these everyday heroes may be asked to remove a splinter or save a life and sometimes at the same time. Coping with routine cuts and scratches to possible life threatening ailments are part of the job for the nursing staff at MCBMRDD. Seizures, basic first aid or just a sympathetic ear when a consumer doesn't feel well makes all the difference to someone in distress. Our professional nursing staff duties include monitoring behavioral situations where physical intervention is being used. Providing routine medical assistance with tube feeding. Dispensing oxygen when prescribed by a physician. Assisting individuals with care and maintenance of tracheotomies. Monitoring dietary concerns. Dispensing medications at the program facilities and accompanying groups on field trips to ensure safety. Maintaining medical records and emergency medical authorizations. Reviewing unusual incident forms where medical treatment was necessary. Monitoring individuals vital statistics. Participation in Individual Educational and Individual Service Plan Meetings as well as Special Team Meetings. Communicating with parents, providers and caregivers regarding the health safety and welfare of individuals. Providing staff training on medical and safety issues. Maintain HIPPA compliance for privacy and the use of computer skills to keep abreast of new medications, side effects and procedures. The nurses at all program facilities are competent, caring professionals who respond to routine medical tasks and full blown emergencies with skill and dedication to address any situation that may arise.

Bits and pieces



MCBMRDD assists local Police Departments

The Mahoning County Board of MRDD recently collaborated with law enforcement agencies from around the valley in order to give local departments an advantage in coping with special needs individuals in stressful situations. Superintendent Larry Duck and Bev Road MASCO Director Richard Ranshaw provided a one hour in-service on proactive strategies, communication techniques and behavior support techniques. Officers from Austintown, Beaver, Canfield, Mahoning County Sheriff's Department, Mill

Creek Metro Parks, St. Elizabeth Hospital Protective Services, Youngstown City, Youngstown State University and the Army Military Police participated in the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training class sponsored by the Mahoning County Mental Health Board. Keeping people safe in potentially dangerous situations is the goal of all law enforcement people. This training will allow officers to evaluate and react differently to situations involving special needs individuals.



What's going on

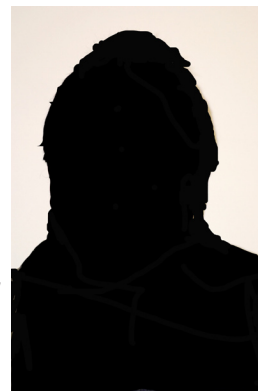
September 11, Board Meeting at Meshel MASCO
September 13, United Way Day of Caring at various community locations
September 14, Library Night at Bev Road MASCO
September 16, American Heart Association Heart Walk at Youngstown State University
September 16, Shop for a Cause at Kaufman's/Macy's, (Contact LKS for details)
October 9, Board Meeting at Leonard Kirtz School
October 12, Library Night at Bev Road MASCO

Who am I ?

Last month: Teresa Houston

The following interview was conducted with an MCBMRDD employee. Who is it?
Submit your guess to piden@zoominternet.net

1. Where were you born? *Youngstown, Ohio*
2. What are your hobbies and interests? *Sports (fanatic), walking*
3. What is your favorite movie? *The Godfather, Part II*
4. Where is your favorite place to be? *By the water or in the woods*
5. What makes you happy? *Free time*
6. If you could meet anyone living or dead, who would it be? *Robert De Niro*
7. What is your favorite MCBMRDD memory? *Helping the Special Olympics Basketball Team win the State Championship*
8. Describe yourself in five words or less. *Loyal, Honest, Bold and Passionate*
9. What is your biggest success in life to this point? *My family*
10. What is something you would really like to do in the future? *Retire and travel*



Editor's Note: The logo last month was hidden on top of a safety cone in the Bits and Pieces section. Good Luck this month! I would like to apologize to Suzanne Shuster for misspelling her name in last month's edition, No matter how long you look at something like this, I still find mistakes, Sorry. The "Just the Facts" section attempts to dispel some of the rumors that abound at MCBMRDD. If you hear a rumor, let me know and I will try to address it for you and quote the source of the information or at least tell you "I don't know."